

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, May 14, 2007

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Al Low

Kurt Schatz, Chair Juliette Lopez-Recinos

Al Gerew, Vice Chair L. Kevin McDonald

Alice Lavigne, Secretary

Michael Karmozyn-Town Council Liaison

Dave Marcotte

Guests: Jonathan Demers-Pascoag 4-H Club

Absent: -----

Excused: -----

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairperson, at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.

Minutes of April 9, 2007 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Al Gerew. Seconded by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Motion passed 6-0.

Correspondence:

Freedom Park Adopt-A-Spot

The Director stated receipt a few months ago of an e-mailed from the Department of Public Works regarding Adopt-A-Spot. After a meeting was held between the Director, Town Manager and the Superintendent of Public Works, it was decided that the proposal to have Pascoag 4-H Club Adopt-A-Spot at Freedom Park was a great idea. Consequently, Jonathan Demers of the Pascoag 4-H Club was invited to make a presentation to the Recreation Commission for approval.

Jonathan Demers reviewed the beautification plans for an (8 x 10) or (10 x 10) area including silk flowers to be changed out seasonally, a border by pressure treated (5 x 7) land ties, flags, silk ivy and an Adopt-A-Spot sign similar to the style and size of the other Adopt-A-Spot signs in town, along with a small sponsorship galvanized nameplate on the land ties of all those who will be donating to the project. A maintenance schedule will be put in place for weekly upkeep.

David Marcotte questioned utilizing pressure treated wood for the edging being a problem next to the water. Jonathan Demers explained he has reviewed the regulations of what can be placed near water.

Al Gerew made a motion to accept the Adopt-A-Spot proposal for Freedom Park. The proposal would have to be similar to the Lions Club Adopt-A-Spot corner and the flags should be the American Flag, 4-H Club Flag and/or the Town Flag only. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Motion passed 6-0.

Skateboarding & BMX Event

The Director was contacted by Burrillville resident Devon Phelan who is trying to organize a skateboard event at the Skateboard Park to be sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. A fee would be charged with all proceeds to go to the Parks & Recreation Department. The Director stated the Trust would have to be contacted regarding any insurance requirements. Copies of the proposal were distributed to the commission for review if requested. It was requested that this be proposed as just a local event. The commission has requested an invitation be extended to Devon Phelan to make a presentation to the commission under new business at the next commission meeting regarding the proposed Skateboarding & BMX event. The Director will speak to other Recreation Directors regarding information about any Skateboarding events they have held in their cities and towns. The Commission also recommended changing the \$10 fee being charged as a participation fee versus a spectator fee.

Blackstone Valley Award

The Director received notification from the Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor of her receiving their Star Award to be presented at their upcoming Friday night meeting.

Good & Welfare:

White Mill Park Scout

The Director reported that an Eagle Scout has contacted the department to do work at White Mill Park for his Eagle Scout Badge by cleaning up the graffiti and repainting the bridge and updating the pathway signage. The project has been approved by the Scout committee. White Mill history informational signs will also be installed.

Local Bond Issue

Steve Rawson of the Conservation Commission is introducing the idea during the next election to float a bond locally for matching funds for upcoming state funded recreation projects since the necessary matching funds might not be available through the regular budget process in the future. L. Kevin McDonald questioned if the town's debt ratio might not be able to support another bond at this time due to the current Callahan and Library projects. The commission has requested an invitation be extended to Conservation

Member Steve Rawson to attend the next commission meeting regarding this issue.

Pascoag Utility

After many meetings with the Pascoag Utility District, the Director reported that the electricity at the Hauser Field facility has been decreased to approximately \$900 due to the current system in place for the limited usage of the lights at the facility.

Old Business:

Town owned land ordinance

A motion was made by Juliette Lopez-Recinos to approve a request to the Town Council for the implementation under Sec. 16-3 to add under section C that any violation of Section 16-2 is subject to a fine not more than \$100.00. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Motion passed 6-0.

Field Use Fees

Field use fees are tabled until the next Recreation Commission meeting to allow for a meeting with the subcommittee to be held on June 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., along with discussion regarding league budgets.

NYSCA Training

Al Low reported that 10 more coaches were trained at the second Coaches Training held on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Post.

C.I.P. & Operating Budget-Recreation, BEC & Spring Lake Beach

The audit meeting is on Saturday, May 19, 2007.

Dock at Spring Lake Beach

The awarding of the bid to Dock Systems which is the dock that was preferred with delivery to Spring Lake Beach Facility in the near future.

Branch River Track

The track lining has been completed.

Boys & Girls Club

Nothing to report at this time.

Shippee Bridge

The mylar plans have been completed and a grant extension has been given by the State of Rhode Island until May 2008.

League Budgets

Tabled until next meeting.

Summer Concerts

Donations to this year's summer concert series have been slow. Per a meeting with Matthew Cole of TransCanada/Ocean State Power, funding requests need to be submitted online. Consequently, requests were submitted online for the 2006 and 2007 concert series and road race totaling \$2,000. Other donations from various businesses were also reviewed. If funding is not met, then some of the Town Common concerts might have to be cancelled since the attendance does not justify taking funding from the operating budget. Flyers will be distributed at a later date when final decisions have been made.

Summer programming and Spring Lake Beach flyers were shared with commission.

Family Fair

Thank you was extended to those commission members who came and assisted at this year's Family Fair. The fair went very well except with one group who did not adhere to the "no selling" rule. This group will not be allowed back next year.

Little League-Concession

The request was approved by the Town Council at the April 11, 2007 meeting for permission for a concession to be held at Hauser Field.

New Business:

Duck Race

The Duck Race is scheduled for August 5, 2007 where the Burrillville Lions Club and the Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department partner the sponsorship.

Alice Lavigne requested to have the question of the installation of a shade structure at both the Spring Lake Beach Facility and at Branch River Park playground be put on the next meeting agenda. The Director requested that any structure be permanent versus a removal shade structure.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Al Low. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion Passed 6-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 11, 2007 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

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